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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

#### **Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration: Joseph E. Dunn
- To avoid abandonment, a late filling fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter FAX RECEIVED

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# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed November 19, 2002, requesting the signature of one of the inventors, Joseph E. Dunn, enclosed is a Decision According Status Under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) for Patent Application No. 09/326,168.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1), the subject application was accompanied by a copy of a declaration executed by all of the inventors, except Joseph E. Dunn, who has refused to sign a declaration in the subject application. The subject application was also accompanied by a copy of a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) submitted in Patent Application No. 09/326,168, a decision



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on which was pending at the time the subject application was filed.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.63(d)(3), enclosed herewith is a copy of the decision on petition granting Applicants' petition under 37 C.F.R § 1.47(a) in Patent Application No. 09/326,168, priority to which is claimed in the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Joseph E. Dunn has not filed an oath or declaration to join in Patent Application No. 09/326,168.

Thus, having satisfied the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.63(d)(3) as to Joseph E. Dunn, and having satisfied the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.63(d)(1) as to the remaining inventors, the requirements for an oath or declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 have now been fully satisfied.

This submission is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.16(e)

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Should there remain any outstanding issues it is respectfully requested the office telephone the undersigned at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Lebens Reg. No. 38,221

Dated: April (8 = 2003

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